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## HONORING TROOPER CALVIN WAYNE JENKS

Full Honors for Trooper Calvin Jenks will include the following to honor his commitment and memory:

- Two Troopers will remain with his body during the visitation and before the funeral service, one honor guard trooper at his head and one at his feet.
- The American flag draped on his coffin will be folded and presented to the family (widow, Sarah Elizabeth Hayes) by THP Commander Colonel Mike Walker.
- Shelby County Sheriff's Honor Guard will carry the colors.
- Bagpipes will play *Amazing Grace*.
- There will be a 21-one gun salute.
- *Taps* will be played.
- Twenty-one brass casings from the firing party will be presented to the family by Colonel Walker at the close of the service.
- There will be a fly-over by THP helicopters with one peeling off from the formation to represent "The Missing Man."
- The Metro Nashville Police Department's Mounted Patrol will escort "The Riderless Horse," and a pair of boots will be turned backwards in the stirrups to signify "The Missing Man."
- A Lawrenceburg dispatcher will make Trooper Jenks' "Last Call For Service" from a patrol car at the gravesite, calling patrol Car #4462.
- Trooper Calvin Jenks' badge will be retired and presented to family by Colonel Walker.

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## FACT SHEET

TROOPER CALVIN WAYNE JENKS

February 10, 1982 -- January 6, 2007

24 years old, nearly three-year veteran of the Tennessee Highway Patrol

Lansing, Michigan native

Moved to Culleoka Community in Maury County in 1989

2000 Graduating Class of Culleoka High School

Four-year starter on the Culleoka Warriors Baseball Team

Member, Culleoka Church of Christ

Graduated THP Trooper Cadet School April 2004

First assignment to THP District 7 (Lawrenceburg), assigned to Marshall County, 2004

Transferred to THP District 4 (Memphis) in July 2006 assigned to Tipton County

Married Sarah Elizabeth Hayes on September 27, 2006

Step-grandfather Wayne Hartsfield, retired THP Lieutenant

Trooper Jenks told co-workers he became a State Trooper both to make a difference, and to follow in Lt. Hartsfield's footsteps.

OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE: [www.odmp.org](http://www.odmp.org)

Trooper Jenks is the 38<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper to die in the line of duty since 1929.

He is the 5<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper to die by gunfire.

The last THP Trooper to die by gunfire was Douglas Wayne Tripp, on May 19, 1991.

The last THP Trooper to die on the job was Todd Larkins, on July 8, 2005. Larkins was killed in a Move Over crash.

Cause of in the line of duty deaths of THP Troopers:

Motorcycle Accident: 12

Automobile Accident: 10

Heart Attack: 4

Struck by Vehicle: 3

Vehicular Assault: 2

Weather/Natural Disaster: 1

Vehicle Pursuit: 1



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#### **Trooper Calvin W. Jenks**

**Tennessee Highway Patrol**

**Tennessee**

End of Watch: Saturday, January 6, 2007

#### **Biographical Info**

**Age:** 24

**Tour of Duty:** 2 years, 8 months

**Badge Number:** 4462

#### **Incident Details**

**Cause of Death:** Gunfire

**Date of Incident:** Saturday, January 6, 2007

**Weapon Used:** Gun; Unknown type

**Suspect Info:** Apprehended



Trooper Calvin Jenks was shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop near the intersection of Highways 14 and 54 in Tipton County.

During the stop, Trooper Jenks smelled marijuana from the vehicle and was told by the driver that there were drugs in the center console. When he asked the passenger if he had any drugs, the man produced a handgun and opened fire, striking Trooper Jenks once in the head and once in the body.

Both men fled the scene but were arrested 13 hours later in Nashville, approximately 200 miles from where the shooting occurred.

Trooper Jenks' body was found next to his patrol car by two hunters who were in the area. His patrol car's video camera recorded the entire incident.

Trooper Jenks had served with the Tennessee Highway Patrol for almost 3 years. He is survived by his wife, parents, four brothers, a sister, grandparents and a large extended family.

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